कामगार श्री राजेन्द्र सिंह , लिपिक के मध्य औद्योगिक विवाद	केन्द्रीय सरकार औद्योगिक अधिकरण, नई दिल्ली को न्यायनिर्णयन के लिए संदर्भित कर दिया गया है।

केन्द्रीय सरकार औद्योगिक अधिकरण, जो कि एक न्यायिक निकाय है, के पास लम्बित मामलों के निपटारे में सरकार हस्तक्षेप नही करती है।

PHD Chamber of Commerce concern over Non-addttlon of New Dispensary or Hospital

4318. SHRI SHIV CHARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the PHD Chamber of Commerce has in a background paper for the round table held recently, lamented that not a single new dispensary or hospital has been added for catering to the additional employees after revision of eligibility norms; and

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir. The PHD Chamber of Commerce has referred to the inadequacy of the infrastructure to provide satisfactory medical cover under the ESI Scheme.

(b) As on 1.1.1997, the ESIC has set up 124 hospitals, 42 annexes and 1442 dispensaries for providing medical care to the ESI beneficiaries throughout the country. The facilities provided in these hospitals/dispensaries are presently considered adequate to take care of additional employees as majority of these employees were earlier beneficiaries of the ESI Scheme but had gone out of its coverage because of gradual increase in their wages. However, depending on the need, additional hospitals/dispensaries are constructed /set up.

Exploitation of Beedi Workers by the organised Beedi Mafia

4319. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the beedi workers in the country particularly in Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat etc., are being exploited by organised beedi mafia sector;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to relieve the strain and stress on beedi workers;

(c) whether there is no scheme of insurance, provident fund, pension, etc. applicable to beedi workers;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and measures taken or proposed to be taken in uplifting beedi workers;

(e) whether a number of women and children are being exploited by organised beedi companies; and

(f) if so, the efforts being made to give relief particularly to children below 14 years and providing creche facilities at the place of work by the beedi manufacturing companies?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) No such report has come to the notice of the Government. The Beedi & Cigar Workers (Conditions of Employment) Act, 1966 has been enacted with a view to prevent exploitation of workers and safeguard their interests.

(c) and (d) The beedi workers working in the establishment covered under the E.P.F. & M.P. Act 1952 get the benefits provided under E.P.F. scheme, 1952, Employees Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme, 1976 and Employees Pension Scheme, 1995. In addition the Group Insurance Scheme is also being implementated by the Labour Welfare Organisation for the welfare of identified beedi workers.